

Overview of National Service

Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (Frankfort)
State Office, Corporation for National and Community Service (Louisville)

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) – engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to help strengthen communities through AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America and the Senior Service Corps

AmeriCorps

State and National
VISTA (Volunteers In
Service To America)
NCCC (National Civilian
Community Corps)
Education Award Only

Learn and Serve America

School-based programs
Community-based programs
Higher education

Senior Service Corps

Retired and Senior Volunteers
Foster Grandparents
Senior Companions

AmeriCorps, often referred to as the *domestic* Peace Corps, is a national service network that provides full- and less-than-full-time opportunities for participants, called members, to serve their communities and address local needs.

So... What do AmeriCorps programs/members do???

AmeriCorps programs provide grants to initiate, improve or expand the abilities of organizations and communities to address unmet local environmental, educational, public safety (including disaster preparedness and response) and other human needs.

AmeriCorps supports organizations that use volunteer service as a strategy to address national, state and local needs, while fostering an ethic of civic responsibility and connecting Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to serve their communities and country.

AmeriCorps Member Benefits

- Living Allowance - approximately \$11,100 (before taxes) for 1,700 hours (MSY-Member Service Year) of service within a 12-month period.
- Education Award – full-time members receive an education award of \$4,725 upon the successful completion of their service commitments.
- Childcare and Health Insurance - available for full-time members who meet eligibility criteria.

AmeriCorps Member Eligibility

- Must be at least 17 years of age at the time of enrollment
- A U.S. citizen, a U.S. national or lawful permanent resident alien.
- May serve only two terms in approved AmeriCorps member positions and receive only two educational awards